

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-33. Canceled

34. (Currently Amended) A method for modulating vascular smooth muscle cell migration, comprising contacting a vascular smooth muscle cell with an effective amount of a cell adhesion modulating agent ~~according to claim 8~~, and thereby modulating vascular smooth muscle cell migration, wherein the cell adhesion modulating agent comprises a cyclic peptide having the formula:

_____(Z₁)-(X)-His-Ala-Val-(Y)-(Z₂)
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wherein Z₁ and Z₂ are independently selected from the group consisting of amino acid residues and combinations thereof in which the residues are linked by peptide bonds; wherein Z₁ and Z₂ independently range in size from 1 to 10 residues; and wherein X and Y are independently selected from the group consisting of amino acid residues, wherein a disulfide bond is formed between residues X and Y.

35. (Currently Amended) A method for modulating vascular smooth muscle cell apoptosis, comprising contacting a vascular smooth muscle cell with an effective amount of a cell adhesion modulating agent according to claim 8, and thereby modulating vascular smooth muscle cell apoptosis, wherein the cell adhesion modulating agent comprises a cyclic peptide having the formula:

(Z₁)-(X)-His-Ala-Val-(Y)-(Z₂)



wherein Z₁ and Z₂ are independently selected from the group consisting of amino acid residues and combinations thereof in which the residues are linked by peptide bonds; wherein Z₁ and Z₂ independently range in size from 1 to 10 residues; and wherein X and Y are independently selected from the group consisting of amino acid residues, wherein a disulfide bond is formed between residues X and Y.

36-54. (Canceled)

55. (New) The method according to any one of claims 34 or 35 wherein the cell adhesion modulating agent comprises the cyclic peptide CHAVC (SEQ ID NO: 10).